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1. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AMCONSUL CALCUTTA CALLED RECENTLY TO SAY THAT BUTLER WAS IN CALCUTTA; THAT THE INDIAN COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR DRILLING THE BORE HOLE HAS YET TO START WORK AND THAT VALUABLE EQUIPMENT IMPORTED FOR THIS PURPOSE REMAINS UNUTILIZED. ON CONTACTING THE METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT WE LEARNED THAT DR. M.H. CHAUDHURI, DIRECTOR SEISMOLOGY, RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT ON THE INDIAN SIDE WAS ALREADY IN CALCUTTA TO VISIT WITH BUTLER BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER.

2. WE AT THE EMBASSY FEEL THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE SUBJECT PROGRAM IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND THEREFORE THE USGS SHOULD KEEP US FULLY INFORMED OF ANY PROBLEMS THAT ARE ENCOUNTERED ON THE EXECUTION OF THIS PROGRAM SO THAT WE CAN TAKE PROMPT REMEDIAL ACTION AND PROVIDE ANY REQUIRED BACK UP IN INDIA. SIMILARLY WE REQUIRE THAT THE EMBASSY BE NOTIFIED OF THE VISIT OF USGS PERSONNEL TO INDIA WELL IN ADVANCE SO WE CAN PROVIDE NECESSARY HELP. IF NEED BE SCIENCE OFFICERS AT THE EMBASSY OR OFFICIALS OF THE
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CONGEN CAN VISIT LOCATIONS OR AGENCIES WHERE PROBLEMS EXIST, TO HELP SEEK SOLUTIONS.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IS USGS EVEN AT THIS STAGE CAN SEND US A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT, WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL TIME TABLE, HOW FAR IT HAS SLIPPED, AND WHERE THE SNAGS

LIE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE A STATEMENT ON EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED AND WHAT MORE IS TO BE IMPORTED EITHER THROUGH THE INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OR THE CONSULATE AT CALCUTTA. WE WILL ALSO APPRECIATE COPIES OF ANY FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGED BETWEEN USGS AND THE INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
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